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SUBJECT: CSCE: DEVELOPMENTS ON STAGE III TIMING

REF: A. GENEVA 5097; B. GENEVA 5123; C. STATE 156802

1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECESSED UNTIL 2100 LOCAL TIME
JULY 3 TO ALLOW CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL EFFORTS TO REACH AGREE-
MENT ON CONDITIONS FOR SETTING DATE FOR STAGE III.

2. EFFORTS TO AGREE ON DATE NOW CENTER ON FRG PROPOSAL REPORTED
IN REF (B). DURING THE NIGHT, FRG DELEGATION CHIEF BLECH CON-
TACTED GENSCHER AND WAS GIVEN GO-AHEAD TO PRESENT THE PROPOSAL,
ON CONDITION THAT REGISTRATION FIRST ACHIEVED ON: A) PEACE-
FUL CHANGE LANGUAGE; B) QRR FORMULATION; AND C) THE SO-
CALLED "ANDORRA CLAUSE" WHICH WOULD IMPLICITLY EXTEND COVERAGE OF
CSCE DOCUMENTS TO BERLIN.

3. IF THESE THREE POINTS CAN BE SETTLED TODAY, BLECH HAS TOLD
US HE WILL SUBMIT HIS COMPROMISE ON STAGE III DATE AT
THE EVENING SESSION OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. IN
AN EFFORT TO HELP PROMOTE AGREEMENT, BLECH HAS TOLD
SOVIETS FRG CAN ACCEPT 250 KM FOR SOVIET ZONE FOR MANUEVER
CBM, FRENCH DELEGATION HAS RELAXED ITS POSITION ON
CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP, AND FRG HAS TOLD ROMANIANS THAT THEY
WILL LIFT RESERVATION ON ROMANIAN NON-USE OF FORCE PROPOSAL.
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4. IT APPEARS VERY DIFFICULT TO REGISTER THREE ITEMS FRG WANTS IN TIME FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING TONIGHT, IN VIEW OF COMPLEX INTERLOCKING RESERVATIONS BY ROMANIANS, SPANISH AND POSSIBILITY OTHERS, ESPECIALLY ON QRR LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, SITUATION IS VERY FLUID AND PRESSURES ARE SUFFICIENTLY STRONG THAT NOTHING CAN BE EXCLUDED.

5. AT SAME TIME, WE UNDERSTAND DUTCH AND TURKS, AND ALSO MALTA, MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY GOING ALONG WITH FRG STAGE III PROPOSAL, EVEN IF PROBLEMS ENUMERATED ABOVE CAN BE RESOLVED DURING COURSE OF THE DAY. DALE

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